

A FINAL DEMAND.

The Correspondence Between Commissioner Stocklagger and Senator Stewart.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Commissioner Stocklagger, of the General Land Office, and Senator Stewart are still engaged in correspondence to determine whether the former shall produce for the inspection of the Committee on Mines and Mining, all the correspondence on file in his office relative to bringing suits against people who have cut timber from the public lands in Nevada for mining purposes. Commissioner Stocklagger says that the production of all this correspondence would be prejudicial to the interests of the Government. The members of the committee are of the opinion that they are competent judges of what best concerns the interests of the Government. A final demand for the correspondence has been made upon Mr. Stocklagger, and if he refuses to send it to the committee steps will be taken to punish him for contempt.

The President's Hat.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The inaugural head-gear is a handsome opera hat of heavy, black, ribbed silk, elaborately hand-painted, with birds and flowers on the inside. The lining is white satin and the size 7½. It is made of American materials. Some difficulty was met with in making an exclusively American opera hat, as one factory in France supplies the world with springs for those articles. The inside of the crown of the hat is painted in water colors and has two excellent portraits of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Morton, each on a small page of the Judge. Above and between the two is the well-known figure of the "Judge" holding out a glass of champagne. Behind all this is a sunburst in gold and a border of blades of grass, artists' brushes and other objects tastefully arranged. The painting was done by Messrs. Gilman, Hamilton and Floberti. The hat was a bet lost by Mr. Arkell, of the Judge, on Indiana with Mr. Harrison's son.

Grover's Final Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The President has issued the following proclamation: "Whereas, public interest requires that the Senate should be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive; now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene on the 4th day of March, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall, at that time, be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby to take notice."

Windom for Secretary of the Treasury.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—Hon William Windom, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, spent to-night in Baltimore as the guest of John S. Gilman. To-night he was closeted with Stephen B. Elkins, Henry G. Davis and others. After the conference one of the gentlemen announced to a reporter of the American that Windom had been tendered and accepted the position of Secretary of the Treasury in General Harrison's Cabinet. He will go to Washington to-morrow morning.

On Monday Senator Jones, of Nevada, reported favorably from the Senate Committee on Contingent Expenses, the resolution authorizing the committee to investigate the feasibility of irrigating and reclaiming Western arid lands, to hold sessions and take testimony at any places it may deem necessary, and the resolution was agreed to.

The legislative session just ended at Salem, Oregon, cost the State \$45,000, of which nearly one-third was for clerk hire. The Legislature passed 170 bills, five of which Governor Penoyer has vetoed and 54 he has allowed to become laws without his signature.

The New York Times says: The Union Pacific Company is to run trains which will reduce the time between New York and San Francisco to four days. The Pennsylvania road is preparing to beat even that time.

The hotel-keepers in Washington are solid in their opposition to a six year Presidential term. They would vote unanimously to have a President inaugurated every month.

The Bulletin says that was a good home-made speech of Harrison's to his friends and neighbors Monday. It will awaken a response in many hearts throughout the Union.

THE BONANZA.

A Sketch of the Mines Which Gave Mr. Flood His Great Wealth.

The San Francisco Alta, reviewing the life and death of James O. Flood, recalls the stirring times of bonanza days by saying:

"The 'Bonanza mines' occupy a section of the northerly part of the prolific portion of the Comstock lode and embraced 1,310 linear feet, lying between the Ophir on the north and the Best & Belcher on the south. It was formerly subdivided into six claims, viz.: The Central, California, Central No. 2, the Kinney, the White & Murphy and the Sides. The great discovery in the Ophir, near the line of the Mexican, known as the Ophir Bonanza, was the first development of mineral richness that brought the great Washoe lode into celebrity. It was exhausted in three or four years after its discovery, having yielded a gross bullion product of about \$15,000,000, and that, too, under defective appliances for working and injudicious disposing of ore.

During the twelve years commencing with 1859, no very extensive explorations were made. The deepest shaft sunk was on the Central, and went no lower than 620 feet. Some short tunnels were driven into the lode, and costly works erected, not justified by the developments. The history of this period was a history of failures, though there were several small bunches of good ore found in the California ground. In the meantime heavy bodies of ore had been discovered in the Gould & Curry, the Savage, Hale & Norcross, and, in fact, at intervals all the way to the Overman, south of Gold Hill, but the long intervening spaces were so barren, and the deposits worked found to be so shallow, that even experienced miners lost faith in the Comstock. The great body in the Gould & Curry could only be traced down 1,000 feet.

There were those who believed the lode to occupy a broad, far-descending and fertile fissure, and that it only needed exploration to bring its treasures to light. Conspicuous among these were the principal owners of the Consolidated Virginia & California mines, Messrs John W. Mackay, James G. Fair, Jas. C. Flood and Wm. S. O'Brien. These men had been for several years associated together and engaged in mining enterprises. The owners of the California, Sides and White & Murphy claims had several years consolidated under the name of Consolidated Virginia, and incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. They had an abiding faith that well-conducted operations would be productive of good results. They avoided the errors that others had made. In pursuance of a plan they bought up the small holders at \$9 per share. They spent \$98,300 in buying up these claims. Thus embarrassed they inaugurated vigorous work on the mine.

During the year 1872 three assessments aggregating \$212,400, were imposed upon the stockholders and the shares were increased to 26,300, swelling the capital stock to \$1,080,000. During the year the prices of shares fluctuated between \$27 and \$300, reaching the latter figure in June and subsiding again to \$87 by the end of December. In March, 1873, a strike was made at a point something over 600 feet below the surface. During the month twenty-three tons were hauled up daily, and the ore milled about \$34, which was much less than the assay. Crosscuts were made, and the body was found to increase in thickness, causing the stock to rise from \$40 to \$80 in the market. However, it soon after receded again to \$50. The shaft was carried down until July, when a strong flow of hot water put a temporary stop to the work. The shaft was now down 1100 feet. During the intermittent period pumps, a tramway and other necessary adjuncts were constructed, and before the end of 1873 the Consolidated Virginia had fairly entered upon that career which surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine and raised it to pre-eminence in the annals of mining. The capital stock had already been increased to \$7,080,000, representing 23,600 shares. On the 15th of October, 1873, another increase was made to \$10,800,000, representing 108,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

In 1873 the stock started at \$40 a share in the board; in March it went up to \$80; by the end of October it was \$85, and at the close of the year it stood at \$400, on the basis of the old issue, being about \$80 for the new shares.

In December 1872, the California Company was organized, the Virginia Company conveying to them the California claim, and receiving in return 58 1-3 per cent. of the new company's stock. The two companies thus welded together declared their first dividend in May, 1874. The stockholders received \$3 per share. In June the new 60-stamp mill was commenced. During the year the old shaft was carried down from 1,300 feet to 1,500 feet, and capacious works were erected. In 1875 the new mill was completed, having a crushing capacity of 225 tons of ore every 24 hours. It was without doubt the most perfect and effective structure of the kind in existence. The monthly turn-out of bullion soon ran up to \$1,000,000. By October of that year 600 tons of ore of the average value of \$100 per ton was brought up to the surface every day and the bullion record of that month was \$1,812,000, a sum that might easily have been increased to \$1,000,000 could measures have been obtained for reducing the ore.

In January, 1876, the capital stock was increased to \$54,000,000, represented by 540,000 shares of \$100 each. The monthly dividends were in March of that year increased from \$3 per share to \$10. Two new mills had to be built that year to enable the company to do their reduction.

In October, 1875, the vast works of the company, which had cost several million dollars, were destroyed by fire. The insurance did not exceed \$50,000. The company, however, went to work energetically to rear from the smoking embers new works. The total yield of Consolidated Virginia up to the close of 1875 was \$26,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 was net earnings and paid in dividends to the stockholders. The last dividend paid that year was \$10 per share. The entire

bullion yield for 1875 was \$16,731,553 43. Ten dollar monthly dividends were paid steadily from March 6, 1875, until March 4, 1876. This payment was on a basis of 108,000 shares. After that, until April 6, 1875, monthly dividends of \$2 per share on 540,000 shares were paid. The output of bullion from the mine during five years, from 1873 to 1877 and the first half of 1878, was as follows: 1873, \$645,582 17; 1874, \$4,981,304 05; 1875, \$16,717,304 76; 1876, \$16,657,649 47; 1877, \$13,734,619 67. First half of 1878, \$8,877,831 78. Total, \$59,613,967 30. The total amount paid out in dividends during four years and a half was \$41,040,000, of which over \$14,000,000 was paid on a basis of 108,000 shares, and the remainder on a basis of 540,000 shares. This period embraces the bonanza days.

The Inaugural Dresses.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The dress Mrs. Harrison will wear at the inaugural ball is made of American silk of American design at the Logan Silk Mills, Auburn, and the pattern is a burr oak leaf. The skirt is in four panels, with the oak leaf and burr worked on each. The effect is rich and striking, being the most elaborate work ever accomplished on an American silk loom. The dress is a combination of brocade on satin, the color French gray, with a faille to match. It has a long train of plain faille, full at the top, the waist out V shape back and front, with elbow sleeves finished with gold and silver passementerie.

The design of Mrs. McKee's dress is Indiana golden-rod, a favorite of General Harrison. The silk was also made at the Logan mills.

Mrs. Morton's dress was made by the same company. The trimming consists of gold and silver beads on white satin, made by hand. The material of the dress is satin brocade, ground tint, and the figure is a Scotch thistle.

It is authoritatively stated at Washington that Senator Chandler will not take any public notice of his difficulty with Senator Blackburn at present.

Judging by the inaugural ball dresses of the ladies of General Harrison's family, this is to be an American Administration.

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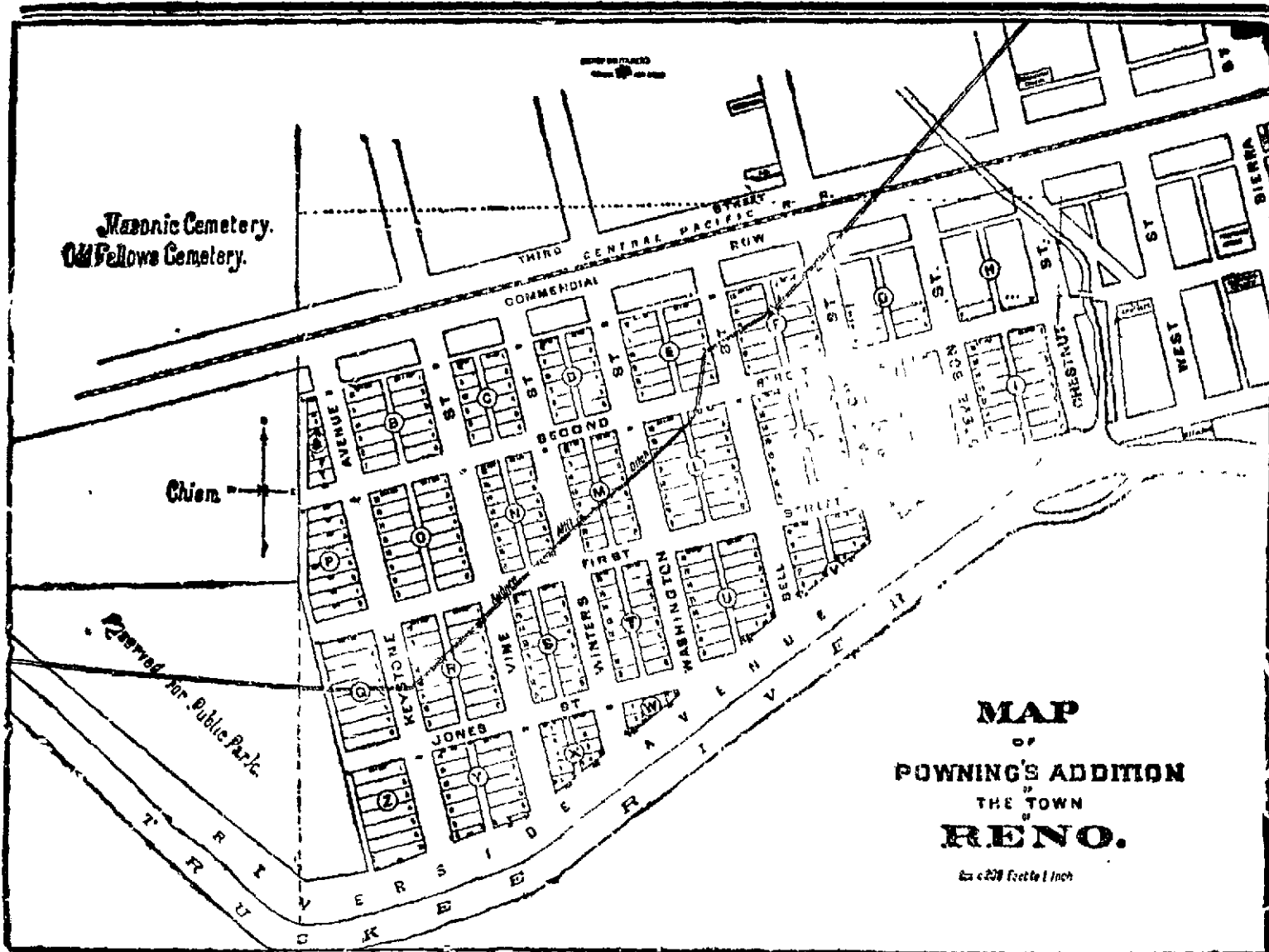
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